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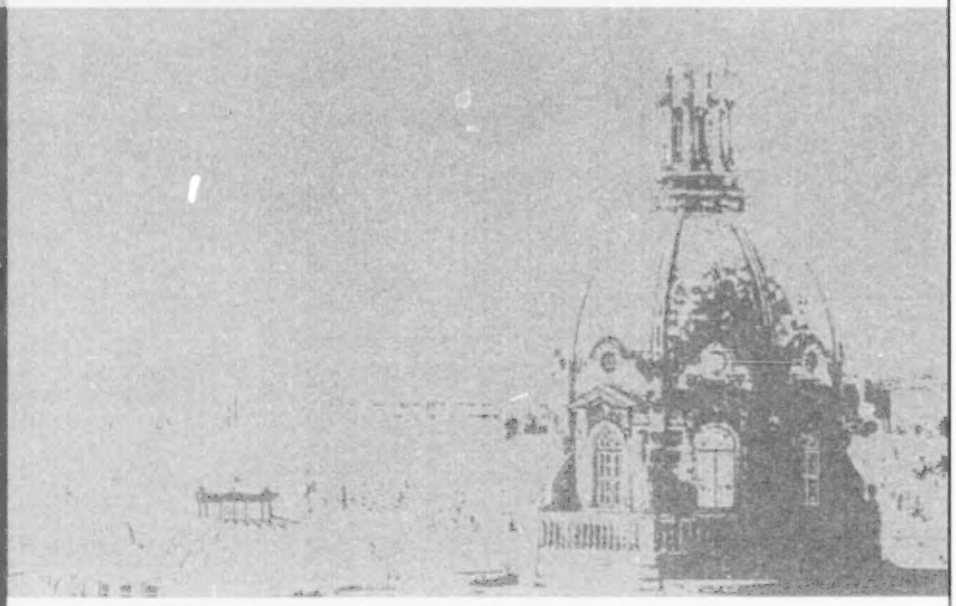

Town of Falher

Dissolution Study

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What is municipal dissolution?

Dissolution is a legal process under the province's *Municipal Government Act*. This process occurs when a municipality gives up its status as an incorporated municipality to become part of a bordering municipality.

The Town of Falher (town) is an incorporated municipality. This means that within its defined boundaries, the town council has the power to pass bylaws, the responsibility to provide services to residents, and the authority to collect property taxes and other revenues to support those services.

If Falher were to dissolve, it would no longer be a municipality, but would become a hamlet in the Municipal District of Smoky River (M.D.). The municipal district council would then be responsible for governing, serving, and taxing the residents of Falher in addition to the population that it already serves.

What is a dissolution study?

A dissolution study is a process, which assists Alberta's Minister of Municipal Affairs in determining if a proposed dissolution should proceed.

The dissolution study process for the Town of Falher includes this dissolution report, a public meeting, and a non-binding vote on the question of dissolution.

The Town of Falher dissolution report attempts to highlight what residents could expect to happen if their town were to dissolve. It looks at the municipal functions, services, and financial situation in the Town of Falher.

The report compares how the town provides services and how the M.D. would provide those services to Falher residents if the town were to dissolve and become a hamlet in the Municipal District of Smoky River.

The areas that are examined in this report include the possible changes to service levels, council representation, administration, and municipal finances.

The dissolution report, feedback gathered at the public meeting, and the results of the non-binding vote assist the Minister in deciding whether or not to recommend to Cabinet that the town be dissolved.

Alberta Municipal Affairs obtained the information for the report from the councils and administrations of the town and M.D., and from provincial records.

Why consider a dissolution study?

In a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated October 9, 2008, the council of the Town of Falher requested that a dissolution study be conducted.

Town council requested the study because council deems that dissolution will result in a more effective and efficient municipal government in the Smoky River region.

The Minister initiated a dissolution study as required under section 130(2) (a) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

What is the existing situation in Falher?

Falher was incorporated as a village on September 5, 1923. On January 1, 1955, Falher's status changed from a village to a town.

Falher is located approximately 69 kilometers southeast of the Town of Peace River, along Highway 2.

The town's population was 941 in 2008 and 1,109 in 2004. This represents a decrease in population of 17 per cent within the past five years.

The town's rural neighbor is the M. D. of Smoky River. The M.D.'s office is located in the Town of Falher.

In 2008, the official population of the M.D. was 2,442.

What is the financial situation in Falher?

This financial summary covers the calendar years from 2004 to 2008. The information is compiled using the audited financial statements and the financial information returns submitted annually to Municipal Affairs, and certain records provided by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

Operating Fund

The following table summarizes the town's annual operating fund results as reported in the town's annual audited financial statements.

Year	Total Revenue	Total Expenditure	Net Revenue (Expenditure)
2004	$1,841,331	$1,491,435	$349,896
2005	$1,891,630	$1,469,403	$422,227
2006	$2,167,829	$1,541,224	$626,605
2007	$2,130,644	$1,908,897	$221,747
2008	$2,407,874	$2,022,127	$385,747

The town transfers year-end surplus funds into reserves.

At December 31, 2008, the overall operating fund surplus was $191,721. This figure represents financial assets that are available to the town to offset current and future liabilities.

Reserves

Reserves help a municipality plan and pay for future projects or emergency repairs. If reserves are not sufficient, a municipality may have to fund capital projects or emergency repairs from other sources such as taxation or by borrowing.

As of December 31, 2008, the town had reserve funds of $1,862,047.

Debt

The town has five loans from the Alberta Capital Financial Authority (ACFA). According to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority, the amount of town debt remaining on December 22, 2008, was $698,630.

The loan payments on three of the debentures are made from revenues other than municipal property tax. These are supported debentures. The payments on the other two debentures are made from municipal property taxes. These are unsupported debentures.

The three supported debentures are for:

- Paving on 1st Street and Brien Avenue, which will be paid in full in January 2010, and is supported by a local improvement tax;
- Water and sewer mains on 2nd Street East, which will be paid in full in December 2021, and is supported by a local improvement tax; and
- Improvements to the water treatment plant and construction of a water storage reservoir, which will be paid in full in July 2019, and is fully supported with payment from the Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission that now owns the water treatment plant and reservoir.

For these debentures, the total debt remaining was $200,445, as of December 31, 2008, and the 2009 payment is $30,551.

The two unsupported debentures are for:

- Recreation complex, which will be paid in full in December 2025; and
- Town grader, which will be paid in full in June 2010.

For these debentures, the total debt remaining was $498,185, as of December 31, 2008, and the 2009 payment is $71,200. The town makes the annual debenture payments for these debentures from municipal property tax revenues.

Equalized Property Assessment

Equalized assessment is a means of comparing property wealth among municipalities. The assessed values of all properties in Alberta are brought to a common level, which is used as a basis for cost-sharing programs such as education funding.

This value is calculated by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

For 2009, the equalized property assessment of all taxable properties in Falher is $59,012,618 and in 2008 it was $54,250,124. In 2005, the Falher equalized assessment was $44,576,495. This shows that between 2005 and 2009, the equalized assessment value of property in the Town of Falher has increased 32 per cent.

The 2009 town assessment base is comprised of approximately 62 per cent residential and 38 per cent non-residential assessment. In 2005, this ratio was 58 per cent residential and 42 per cent non-residential assessment.

Municipal Property Tax

The municipal property tax levy is the amount of money required from the property assessment base to support the town's day-to-day operations. Other revenue, such as user fees and grants, support the town's operating costs. Municipalities also levy property tax for education purposes and for the senior foundation.

Based on the town's tax rate bylaws, in 2004, the municipal property tax levy was $730,000 and in 2008, it was $973,290. The tax rate bylaws over this five-year period show that the revenue raised from municipal property tax has increased by 33 per cent.

What would remain the same if the town dissolves?

911 Service

911 dispatch services would continue to be provided through Peace Country Health. The town's and the M.D.'s service agreements would be consolidated into one.

Local subscribers to TELUS would continue to pay a monthly fee for 911 service on their telephone bill.

Ambulance Service

Alberta Health Services would continue to provide ground ambulance services.

Community Organizations in Falher

Should dissolution occur and Falher becomes a hamlet in the Municipal District of Smoky Lake, Falher community groups, their volunteer membership, and the work they do would not be required to change.

Electrical Power and Natural Gas and Franchise Agreements

ATCO Electric Ltd. would continue to provide electrical power services and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. would continue to provide natural gas services to Falher. Any revenue from franchise fees collected from Falher residents would be applied towards services in Falher.

Existing Local Improvement Tax

Dissolution would not remove the obligation of Falher property owners to pay existing local improvement taxes until they are paid in full.

Grass Cutting

Grass on municipal properties would continue to be maintained by the M.D.

For unsightly properties, the M.D. would cut the grass if required and the property owner would be billed for services, as is the town's practice.

Property Tax Payment Plan

Property owners would continue to be able to pay municipal property taxes in twelve monthly installments through a pre-authorized tax payment plan.

RCMP Service

Policing would continue to be provided by the RCMP detachment located in the Town of McLennan.

Regional Services

Through partnerships, the Municipal District of Smoky River, towns of Falher and McLennan, and the villages of Donnelly and Girouxville

provide and operate the following programs and services on a regional basis:

- Disaster Services,
- Economic Development,
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS),
- Fire and Rescue Services,
- Smoky River Regional Airport, and
- Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission.

If dissolution occurs, these services would not change.

Safety Codes Inspection Services

Inspection services would be accessed, as they are now, through an agency providing inspection services on behalf of the province.

Streetlights

Streetlights would continue to be owned and operated by ATCO. The cost of power to operate the lights would continue to be paid from municipal property taxes and any revenue from franchise fees.

Utility Billing and Rates

All Falher utilities are self-sufficient and funded by full cost recovery utility rate models including associated labour costs.

The water and waste water commissions set utility charges for their services and invoice the town. All costs are passed on to residents in the Falher utility rates.

The M.D. uses full cost recovery rates for all its users and would maintain the same for Falher. Although utility rates may change from time to time based on the cost of service, Falher residents could expect similar utility charges for utility services in their monthly utility bills.

Utility Water and Sewer Infrastructure

The water distribution and sewer collection and treatment services would remain the same.

Within the town limits, the town is responsible for the distribution of water and the sewer collection and the treatment.

Upon dissolution, the M.D. would become responsible for the maintenance and the operation of the water and sewer infrastructure within the hamlet of Falher.

What would change if Falher dissolves?

If the Town of Falher dissolves, the Municipal District of Smoky River would provide services to residents in the hamlet of Falher. At this time, the M.D. provides services in the hamlets of Guy and Jean Cote.

Potential changes to services in Falher include the following:

Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets include such things as cash and short-term deposits. Additional town assets include such things as accounts receivable, town owned buildings and public works equipment.

Financial liabilities include such things as long-term debt, deferred revenue, and accounts payable.

According to the town's audited financial statements at December 31, 2008, the town had financial assets of $2,600,954 and financial liabilities of $1,786,443. This indicates that the town had sufficient financial assets to meet its ongoing financial commitments.

Upon dissolution, the town assets and liabilities would transfer to the Municipal District of Smoky River. The M.D. would be required to keep a full accounting of all cash received at dissolution and of any proceeds from the sale of Falher assets.

The transferred funds could only be used to reduce liabilities previously incurred by the Town of Falher or to fund projects in Falher. This separate accounting would continue until the funds were depleted.

Bylaws and Bylaw Enforcement

Currently, the town has various enforcement bylaws in place. The Municipal Administrator is the town bylaw enforcement officer. The public works staff assist with unsightly premises and animal control and the RCMP assists with the noise and traffic bylaws.

Upon dissolution, existing town bylaws would remain in force until the M.D. either amends, repeals, or replaces them with existing M.D. bylaws.

The M.D. council would appoint a bylaw enforcement officer to enforce bylaws in Falher and would request the service of the RCMP to enforce traffic and noise bylaws.

Capital Projects

Currently the town has a multi-year capital infrastructure plan.

Upon dissolution, the M.D. infrastructure plan would be amended to include Falher. Projects in Falher would be prioritized as necessary. The M.D. council would use Falher's transferred funds to undertake projects in Falher.

Cemetery

The town manages the non-denominational cemetery leased from the Catholic Church. The cemetery perpetual care fund is designated for the on-going care and maintenance of the cemetery. These funds remain in a separate cemetery perpetual care fund.

Upon dissolution, the M.D. would cancel the ongoing agreement and management of the cemetery would revert back to the Catholic Church. The perpetual care fund would be given to the parish of Ste. Anne for the care of the cemetery.

Council Representation and Meetings

The town council consists of seven members, the mayor and six councillors, elected at-large from the town residents. The mayor and councillors are appointed to boards and committees in the community.

The town council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month.

The Municipal District of Smoky River council consists of six members elected from six electoral wards. The M.D. council appoints the reeve annually at the organizational meeting from amongst the members of council.

The M.D. council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the M.D. Administration Building located in the Town of Falher.

Upon dissolution, one elector from the hamlet of Falher would be added to the M.D. council, increasing the M.D. councillors to seven, until the next municipal election scheduled for November 2010.

Prior to the next municipal election, the M.D. would adjust electoral boundaries to ensure an equitable representation between the M.D.'s electoral wards.

At the next municipal election, Falher residents would be eligible for election to the M.D.'s council. Smoky River councillors would be appointed to boards and committees in the community.

General Inquiries and After-hours Emergencies

The town office is the contact point for general inquiries, and water and sewer emergencies during regular business hours.

Residents can get information at the town office, and by contacting one of the town councillors.

For after-hours emergencies, residents contact town staff. Typically, staff respond to an emergency call-out within one hour.

Upon dissolution the M.D. office in Falher would be the contact point for general inquiries.

The M.D. public works department would address emergencies. The response time could be one hour or longer, depending on the location of the M.D.'s employee and the severity of the emergency.

Grants

Currently, the town applies for a variety of grants based on town priorities.

Upon dissolution, Falher would no longer be eligible to apply directly for grants. The M.D.'s grant allocation may increase for grants based on population or assessment. Projects and programs in Falher, potentially funded by grants, would be considered along with the needs of the rest of the M.D.

Library Services

Currently, the Falher Municipal Library Board, La Societe Bibliotheque Dentinger, operates the library. The library building is located on land that the town leases from the Catholic Church.

The town is a member of the regional Peace Library System. To be eligible for provincial library funding, the town transfers municipal funds to the library board and to the regional system. The town provides the library with approximately $10,000 of funding in addition to the required municipal transfer. The town also maintains the library building and pays the insurance costs.

In accordance with the *Alberta Libraries Act*, the Falher Library Board would dissolve at the time of the town dissolution. Assets owned by the library would become the M.D.'s property and those owned by the Peace Library System would remain with the system.

Upon dissolution, the M.D. is interested in maintaining a library in Falher. The M.D. is also a member of the regional Peace Library System and provides a per capita contribution to the regional system. The M.D. would not provide additional funding directly to the Falher library. The library should expect to receive less funding than they do now for the operation of the library.

The M.D. would ask the regional Peace Library System Board to act as the library board for the Falher library and to operate and maintain the Falher library as a system library service point.

The regional system would be responsible for the library building and associated costs.

The M.D. would consider providing insurance services to the library. The regional library board would be billed for the insurance costs.

The M.D. council would recommend to the regional system that a Falher advisory committee (La Societe Bibliotheque Dentinger) be established for the Falher library service point.

Municipal Office and Administrative Services

The town owns the municipal office building.

The office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., including the lunch hour.

In addition to conducting its regular business, the town provides:

- Assistance to non-profit groups including:
  - bookkeeping services for the Honey Festival,
  - administrative services to the recreation society,
  - assistance to groups with grant applications,
  - photocopying at a reduced rate,
  - scheduling of the Falher Regional Recreation Complex and the former Fish and Game Log Cabin, and
- Services to the public, on a fee for service basis, including:
  - photocopying,
  - faxing, and
  - Commissioner of Oaths services.

The town provides space in the town building to the Smoky River Family and Community Support Services at no cost to the program.

Upon dissolution, ownership of town facilities and agreements with the town would transfer to the Municipal District of Smoky River.

Falher residents would access municipal services and make utility and tax payments at the M.D. municipal office in Falher.

The M.D. provides similar services to community organizations depending on cost and time permitting, and to the public on a fee for service basis.

Any changes to the programs and services affecting Falher would be communicated to residents through the newspaper or in utility billing inserts.

Municipal Planning and Development

The town's land use bylaw was revised in 2004. The town is in the process of developing a 19 acre sub-division.

Upon dissolution, Falher's land use bylaw would remain in effect until the M.D. repeals it and amends the M.D.'s bylaw to include Falher.

The M.D. council would evaluate the development of the 19 acre sub-division and determine if it should proceed as a municipal or as a private development. Any municipal costs for the sub-division development would be funded by either a local improvement tax or the transferred Falher funds.

Any future utility extension projects, such as the water and sewer mains to the new subdivision, would have to be evaluated.

Municipal Property Taxes

The town establishes municipal tax rates that generate funds to pay for programs and services provided to Falher residents and businesses, and to cover the town's debt payments.

Upon dissolution, taxes owed to the town would be owed to the M.D. Properties would be taxed at the M.D.'s tax rates.

Dissolution would not remove the obligation of Falher property owners to pay off the town's existing debt. The M.D. would include a special tax levy, as part of the property taxes levied in the hamlet of Falher, for the annual payment on Falher's existing unsupported debt until it is paid in full in 2025.

Based on the assessed value of property, as reported in the town's 2008 tax rate bylaw, in 2008, the special tax levy rate placed on Falher property to fund the annual unsupported debenture payments of $71,200 would have been 1.156 mills.

The M.D.'s 2008 combined tax rate (including the special tax levy for debt) for residential properties is approximately 31 per cent less than the town's tax rate and for non-residential properties, the tax rate is approximately 4.5 per cent less.

For a comparison of the town's and the M.D.'s 2008 property tax, refer to Tables 1 and 2.

Municipal Tax Due Dates and Penalty Schedule

The Town sends out a combined assessment and tax notice to property owners by May 31 each year. The taxes are due and payable to the town 30 days after mailing of the tax notice.

A tax penalty of 10 per cent is levied on current taxes remaining unpaid after 30 days of the mailing of the tax notice, which typically is July 1. A further penalty of 15 per cent is levied on all taxes remaining unpaid after December 31 each year.

The Town of Falher has a minimum municipal property tax of $500 for both residential and non-residential property. The school tax is charged in addition to the minimum municipal tax.

Upon dissolution, Falher property owners would receive a combined assessment and property tax notice from the M.D.

Property taxes would be subject to the M.D.'s due dates and penalties. Property taxes would be due July 31 each year. On August 1, a penalty of 10 per cent would be levied on unpaid current taxes. On January 1 of the following year, a further penalty of 15 per cent would be levied on all tax arrears.

The M.D. does not have a minimum tax rate.

Municipal Property Tax Exemption

By resolution of town council, some Falher community organizations are exempt from paying municipal property tax.

Upon dissolution, the M.D. council would review the present Town of Falher community group tax exemptions. Some groups may no longer be exempt from municipal property tax.

Recreation Facilities

The Town of Falher owns, operates, and maintains the following recreational facilities in the town:

- outdoor swimming pool,
- wading pool,
- former Fish and Game log cabin,
- ball diamonds, and
- campground.

The Falher recreation board (Falher Recreation Development Society), through an agreement with the town, operates the Falher Regional Recreation Complex (complex). The town provides funding to the recreation board for the operation of the complex and assists with the booking of the facility.

The Falher Curling Society operates the curling rink in the complex.

Upon dissolution, ownership of town property would transfer to the Municipal District of Smoky River. The M.D. would continue to have agreements with the community organizations to operate the recreational facilities. Funding for the operation of Falher facilities would be reviewed. The recreation board should expect to receive less funding than they do now for the operation of the complex.

The outdoor swimming pool would be assessed and evaluated on the feasibility of remaining open. All other facilities would be evaluated based on their need in the community.

Road Construction and Maintenance

The town provides for the construction and maintenance of the road system. The majority of roads are paved. Newly constructed roads are gravel.

Upon dissolution, the M.D. would assume care, control, and management of Falher roadways. The M.D. council would review Falher's level of service for road construction and maintenance.

Snow Clearance from Roads

The town's practice is to clear snow the day following a major snowfall, time permitting.

Priorities for clearance are Main Street, arteries, public areas (medical clinic parking lot then other town owned property), and residential areas as they get to them. Snow in alleys is cleared last.

The M.D. council would review Falher's snow clearing practices and would incorporate Falher into the M.D.'s winter road maintenance policies.

The M.D.'s winter road maintenance priorities are major emergency routes, the airport, and school bus routes, as set out in M.D. policy.

Solid Waste Management: Garbage Collection and Recycling

Falher is a member of the Smoky River Regional Waste Management Commission. The commission operates the regional landfill, and provides weekly garbage pick-up in the town.

Falher operates the two recycling sites in the town.

The town recovers all costs associated with garbage collection and recycling from user fees.

Upon dissolution, agreements with the town become agreements with the M.D. The M.D. would become a member of the commission.

Garbage collection and the recycling program for the hamlet of Falher would continue. Costs associated with these services would be recovered through utility bills.

Table 1

Town of Falher Residential Property Tax Comparison

2008 Municipal and School Taxes

Note: This table shows the changes that could be seen for three actual residential properties in Falher if the town were to dissolve. Property taxes may not be the only financial cost associated with living in Falher that would change. Utility rates could change and additional fees may be considered for services that the M.D. of Smoky River does not provide in hamlets. These factors would have an effect on the cost of living in the town.

Town of Falher		M.D. of Smoky River	
Municipal	15.802	Municipal	8.4542
School Tax	2.923	School Tax	3.2509
Seniors Foundation	0.156	Seniors Foundation	0.1518
Total	18.881	Total	11.8569
		Levy for Existing Town Debt	1.1560
2008 Comparative Tax Rate:	**18.881**		**13.0129**

If Falher remains a town

Actual residential property taxes levied on three properties in the Town of Falher based on the 2008 residential tax rate:

	Assessment		Town Tax Rate				Town Property Taxes
Property 1	$8,140	x	18.881 mills	x	0.001	=	$524*
Property 2	$112,880	x	18.881 mills	x	0.001	=	$2,131
Property 3	$297,190	x	18.881 mills	x	0.001	=	$5,611

* With the town's minimum municipal tax of $500, property taxes for this property increase from $154 to $524.

If the Town of Falher dissolves

Estimated residential property taxes for the same three properties based on the 2008 Municipal District of Smoky River residential tax rate plus the special levy for the annual payment on the town's existing debt:

	Assessment		M.D. Tax Rate		Levy for Existing Town Debt				M.D. Property Taxes
Property 1	$8,140	x	(11.8569 mills	+	1.156 mills)	x	0.001	=	$106
Property 2	$112,880	x	(11.8569 mills	+	1.156 mills)	x	0.001	=	$1,469
Property 3	$297,190	x	(11.8569 mills	+	1.156 mills)	x	0.001	=	$3,867

Table 2

Town of Falher Non-residential Property Tax Comparison

2008 Municipal and School Taxes

Note: This table shows the changes that could be seen for three actual non-residential properties in Falher if the town were to dissolve. Property taxes may not be the only financial cost that would change. Utility rates could change, and additional fees may be considered for services that the Municipal District of Smoky River does not provide in hamlets. These factors would have an effect on the cost of living in the town.

Town of Falher		M.D. of Smoky River	
Municipal	15.802	Municipal	14.5542
School Tax	5.248	School Tax	4.3875
Seniors Foundation	0.156	Seniors Foundation	0.1518
Total	21.206	Total	19.0935
		Levy for Existing Town Debt	1.1560
2008 Comparative Tax Rate:	**21.206**		**20.2495**

If Falher remains a town

Actual non-residential property taxes levied on three properties in Falher based on the 2008 non-residential tax rate:

	Assessment		Town Tax Rate				Town Property Taxes
Property 1	$50,060	x	21.206 mills	x	0.001	=	$1,062
Property 2	$116,530	x	21.206 mills	x	0.001	=	$2,471
Property 3	$1,067,410	x	21.206 mills	x	0.001	=	$22,636

If the Town of Falher dissolves

Estimated non-residential property taxes for the same three properties based on the 2008 Municipal District of Smoky River non-residential tax rate plus the special levy for the annual payment on the town's existing debt:

	Assessment		M.D. Tax Rate		Levy for Existing Town Debt				M.D. Property Taxes
Property 1	$50,060	x	(19.0935 mills	+	1.156 mills)	x	0.001	=	$1,014
Property 2	$116,530	x	(19.0935 mills	+	1.156 mills)	x	0.001	=	$2,360
Property 3	$1,067,410	x	(19.0935 mills	+	1.156 mills)	x	0.001	=	$21,615

Notes

How do I get more information?

A public meeting will be held on **June 16, 2009, at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex** to discuss the information in the dissolution study. Town residents are encouraged to attend.

Officials from Alberta Municipal Affairs will present the dissolution study and will be available to answer your questions.

Will there be a vote on dissolution?

Yes. A non-binding vote on the question of dissolution will take place on **June 23, 2009, between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex.**

The question on the ballot will be:

"Are you in favour of dissolving the Town of Falher to become part of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130?"

Alberta Municipal Affairs must administer the vote in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act.*

To be eligible to vote you must be:

- At least 18 years of age;
- A Canadian citizen;
- A resident of Alberta for the 6 months immediately preceding the vote; and
- A resident of the Town of Falher on the day of the vote.

When registering to vote, residents are required to provide the **street address** or **legal description** of their residence in Falher. A mailing address is not sufficient.

What happens next?

The Minister of Municipal Affairs will make a recommendation about whether or not the town should dissolve.

In making a decision, the Minister will consider this report, the views of the town and the municipal district councils, the issues raised at the public meeting, and the results of the vote.

What will happen if the town dissolves?

If the Minister recommends dissolution to the Provincial Cabinet, and Cabinet agrees, the existing town council and administration would work with the Municipal District of Smoky River to wind up the town's affairs by the recommended dissolution date.

What will happen if the town does not dissolve?

The Town of Falher will maintain its status as an incorporated municipality. The town's council will continue to be responsible for providing governance, levying taxes, and providing municipal services to the town.

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